

DUTY ON SALT AND FISHING BOUNTIES.

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

*In relation to the Duty on Salt and Bounty to Fishermen.*

FEBRUARY 27, 1839.

Read, and laid upon the table.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

*In the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine.*

Resolves concerning the duty on salt and the bounty to fishermen.

*Resolved*, That the proposed repeal of the duty on salt, and of the bounty on fishing vessels and the men employed in them, would be a direct violation of the faith of the nation, as pledged by the act of Congress commonly known as the compromise act; and that such repeal would seriously injure some of the most important branches of industry in this Commonwealth, and would embarrass and distress a large portion of our most deserving citizens.

*Resolved*, That the Senators of this Commonwealth in Congress be instructed, and the Representatives be requested, to use their influence to oppose the passage into a law of any bill the object of which is to repeal or reduce the duty on salt, or the bounty to fishing vessels and the men employed in them.

*Resolved*, That his excellency the Governor be requested to transmit copies of these resolves to the Senators and Representatives of this Commonwealth in Congress.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, *February 22, 1839.* Passed:  
ROBERT C. WINTHROP, *Speaker.*

IN SENATE, *February 22, 1839.* Passed:  
MYRON LAWRENCE, *President.*

Approved February 23, 1839.

EDWARD EVERETT.

A true copy. Attest:

JOHN P. BIGELOW,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

